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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for
Authority to Increase Retail Electric, Natural Gas and Water Rates

6680-UR-111

NOTICE OF HEARING

Hearing for Public Comment:

Hearing Date and Location: Wednesday, March 6, 2002 – 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Rotary River Center, 1220 Riverside Drive, Beloit, WI

Hearing Date and Location: Tuesday, April 2, 2002 – 1:30 and 7:00 p.m., Public
Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison,
WI (Amnicon Falls Hearing Room – 1st Floor)

Public Technical Hearing:

Direct Testimony Due: Friday, March 15, 2002 – Noon

**Direct Natural Gas Rate
Testimony Due:** Friday March 22, 2002 - Noon

Rebuttal Testimony Due: Wednesday, March 27, 2002 – Noon

Surrebuttal Testimony Due: Monday, April 1, 2002 – Noon

Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2002 – 9:00 a.m.

Hearing Location: Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way,
Madison, WI (Amnicon Falls Hearing Room – 1st Floor)

Wisconsin Power and Light Company (WP&L) filed an application on August 1, 2001, as supplemented September 25, 2001, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03, 196.20, and 196.37 for authority to increase its electric, natural gas, and Beloit water and Ripon water rates. WP&L seeks a \$105,070,126 (16.82 percent) increase for electric operations, a \$26,110,000 (14.03 percent) increase for natural gas operations, a \$1,589,000 (44.64 percent) increase for Beloit water operations, and a \$332,000 (34.32 percent) increase for Ripon water operations. On August 31, 2001, WP&L filed its electric, natural gas, and water cost-of-service studies and rate design information.

On December 19, 2001, a prehearing conference was held to determine the issues that will be addressed in this docket and to establish a schedule for the hearing. Among the issues raised by the parties during the prehearing conference were revenue requirements, cost-of-service studies, rate design, and tariff issues for WP&L's electric, natural gas, and water utility operations.

In addition, at the prehearing conference, WP&L indicated its intention to request interim rate relief because the Commission will likely not issue an order authorizing permanent rate increases prior to mid-April 2002. On December 26, 2001, WP&L filed an "Application of Wisconsin Power and Light Company for an Interim Rate Increase in its Electric, Natural Gas, Beloit Water, and Ripon Water Rates." A hearing is scheduled for this interim rate request on February 22, 2002.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a hearings primarily for public comment will be held on **Wednesday, March 6, 2002, at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.** at Rotary River Center, 1220 Riverside Drive, Beloit, Wisconsin, and on **Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m.** at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin. These buildings are accessible to people in wheelchairs. The technical hearing will be held beginning on **Tuesday, April 2, 2002, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Hearings Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the docket coordinator listed below.

The utility is responsible for giving notice to its customers of the filing of its application with the Commission and, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.73, for producing proof of notice at the hearing.

Any person desiring to become a party shall file a request pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.32(3) no later than 14 days from the date of this notice. The request shall be addressed to Administrative Law Judge David C. Whitcomb, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Mary E. McIlwee at (608) 267-7915.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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